

CLAIMS

1. A method of forming a sealing or mounting strip on a member, the method including providing a fixed extrusion device (15) for producing an extruded sealing or mounting strip, moving the member with respect to the fixed extrusion device (15), while operating the extrusion device (15) to produce the extruded sealing or mounting strip, such that the sealing or mounting strip is formed along a desired path on the member.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the member is a closure member.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the closure member is a vehicle door (4).
4. A method according to claim 2 or 3, wherein the strip is a sealing strip and comprises a base portion (43) in contact with the closure member and a compressible sealing portion (37) for sealing against a frame of the opening closed by the closure member.
5. The method of claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the strip is a mounting strip (44) and comprises a fixing portion for co-operating with a corresponding portion of a sealing member (49) for fixing the sealing member (49) to the mounting strip (44).
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the fixing portion includes an enlarged head (47).
7. The method of claim 5 or claim 6, wherein the fixing portion is substantially T-shaped.
8. The method of claims 5, 6 or 7, wherein the mounting strip (44) is formed of

PU material.

9. The method of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the extrusion device (15) is mounted on the floor (23) or other fixed structure of a manufacturing plant.
10. The method of any one of the preceding claims, including controlling the temperature of extrudate from the extrusion device (15).
11. A method of manufacturing an assembly, the method including forming the main body portion of the assembly; mounting the assembly on movement apparatus and moving the assembly to respective processing stations, at each of which a manufacturing step of the assembly is performed, wherein at one of said processing stations a sealing or mounting strip is formed on the assembly by a fixed extrusion device (15), and, while operating the extrusion device (15) to produce the extruded sealing or mounting strip, the sealing or mounting strip is formed along a desired path on the assembly by controlled movement of the assembly with respect to the fixed extrusion device (15) by the movement apparatus.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein other of said processing stations include a station where the assembly is painted.
13. The method of claim 11 or 12, wherein other of said processing stations include a station where further components are fitted to the assembly other than by means of extrusion.
14. The method of claim 11, 12 or 13, wherein the assembly comprises a vehicle closure member.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein the closure member is a vehicle door (4).

16. A method according to claims 14 or 15, wherein the strip is a sealing strip and comprises a base portion (43) in contact with the closure member and a compressible sealing portion (37) for sealing against a frame of the opening closed by the closure member.
17. The method of claims 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15, wherein the strip is a mounting strip and comprises a fixing portion for co-operating with a corresponding portion of a sealing member (49) for fixing the sealing member (49) to the mounting strip (44).
18. The method of claim 17, wherein the fixing portion includes an enlarged head (47).
19. The method of claim 17 or claim 18, wherein the fixing portion is substantially T-shaped.
20. The method of claims 17, 18 or 19, wherein the mounting strip (44) is formed of PU material.
21. The method of any one of claims 11 to 20, wherein the extrusion device (15) is mounted on the floor (23) or other fixed structure of a vehicle manufacturing plant.
22. The method of any one of claims 11 to 21, including controlling the temperature of extrudate from the extrusion device (15).
23. Apparatus for forming a sealing or mounting strip on a member, the apparatus including a fixed extrusion device (15) and moving means onto which the is mounted in use for moving the with respect to the fixed extrusion device (15) such that the strip is formed along a desired path on the member.

24. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the member is a closure member.
25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the closure member is a vehicle door (4).
26. The apparatus according to claim 24 or claim 25, wherein the strip is a sealing strip and comprises a base portion (43) in contact with the closure member and a compressible sealing portion (39) for sealing against a frame of the opening closed by the closure member.
27. The apparatus of claims 23, 24 or 25, wherein the strip is a mounting strip (44) and comprises a fixing portion for co-operating with a corresponding portion of a sealing member (49) for fixing the sealing member (49) to the mounting strip (44).
28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the fixing portion includes an enlarged head (47).
29. The apparatus of claim 27 or claim 28, wherein the fixing portion is substantially T-shaped.
30. The apparatus of claims 27, 28 or 29, wherein the mounting strip (44) is formed of PU material.
31. The apparatus of any one of claims 23 to 30, wherein the extrusion device (15) is mounted on the floor (23) or other fixed structure of a manufacturing plant.
32. The apparatus of any one of claims 23 to 31, including means for controlling the temperature of extrudate from the extrusion device (15).

33. The apparatus of any one of claims 23 to 32, wherein the moving means also is operable to move the member between respective processing stations in a manufacturing plant.